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SUBJECT: METULA SITREP 23

1. FOLLOWING METULA SITREP 23 WAS COMPILED FROM MESSAGES RECEIVED BY THIS EMBASSY FROM COMMANDER THIRD NAVAL ZONE, CHILEAN NAVY IN PUNTA ARENAS AND FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION:

METULA SITREP 23
AS OF 281150Z SEP 74:

1. NO OBSERVATION FLIGHT TODAY. ESTIMATE THAT OIL POLLUTION SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THAT REPORTED 27 SEPT. METULA SEEPAGE CONSIDERED MINIMUM AND STRONG WINDS STILL PREVAIL. METULA ANCHORED AT BAHIA FELIPE AND HOLDING WELL UNDER A NINETY KNOT WIND AND SIX METER WAVES. ACCORDING TO REPORT BY MR MARSHALL, METULA DRAGGED ANCHOR FOR ONE HALF MILE. THIS UNCONFIRMED BY SALVAGE TEAM REPORT. WIND CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

2. POLLUTION INSPECTION TEAM IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO INFORMS THEY HAVE CONCLUDED POLLUTION STUDY OF BEACHES. WILL CONTINUE WITH OBSERVATION ON POLLUTION OF COASTAL WATERS IN THAT AREA.

AS OF 301030Z SEP 74:

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3. OIL POLLUTION SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED. NO FLIGHT OBSERVATION TODAY. INFORMATION CONFIRMED, AT 271000 METULA

DRAGGED ANCHOR FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROX ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED YARDS (1500 YDS). METULA HOLDING WELL UNDER 100 KNOT WINDS. POLLUTION INSPECTION TEAM IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION ALONG A TEN KILOMETER STRETCH BETWEEN PUNTA PIEDRA AND PUNTA REMO AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF OIL POLLUTION. TEAM RETURNS TO PUNTA ARENAS TODAY.

4. SALVAGE TEAM ESTIMATE THAT OIL CARGO OFFLOAD FROM METULA TO BERGELAND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS. UNQUOTE.

2. TELECON BETWEEN NAVATT AND COMMANDER PARK REFERENCE POLREP NINE, NSF PICKUP DATE PUNTA ARENAS FOR 15 OCTOBER STILL VALID.
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